

<p style="text-align: center;">SEATTLE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD Interagency Environmental Leadership Committee</p>

Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2005

Host: National Park Service Cultural Resource Division

Location: Klondike Gold Rush National Historic Park

☀ **Plus a “sneak-peek” tour of Seattle’s Historic Cadillac Hotel (currently under renovation).** The Cadillac Hotel will be Klondike Gold Rush’s new home this fall. For more information about the building’s historic renovation, visit www.ci.seattle.wa.us/commnty/histsea/projects/pr21.htm.

Attendees:

Anne Tiernan, Executive Director, Seattle Federal Executive Board
Dale L. Sadler, US Army, Ft. Lewis, dale.sadler1@army.mil
Bret Ruby, US Army, Ft. Lewis, bret.ruby@us.army.mil
Kirk Vinish, Federal Transit Administration, Kirk.Vinish@fta.dot.gov
Barbara Lithier, USEPA Region 10
Claudia Vaupel, USEPA, Region 10
Stephanie Toothman, NPS, StephanieToothman@nps.gov
Michael Fagan, USEPA Region 10
Pat Walsh, FAA
Hayden Street, Navy Region NW
Phil Fesmire, VA Puget Sound Health Care System
Vicki Whitt, PSNS, whittv@psns.navy.mil
Bretnie Grose, NPS

1. Subject Topic: "Federal Agency Responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act".

Stephanie Toothman from the NPS discussed The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), particularly Section 106. Stephanie provided a package with great handouts and a historical overview of the Act explaining that the NHPA was a reaction to Federal government involvement in all actions that affected heritage sites. The Department of the Interior with the National Park Service is the lead agency. NPS actually develops the standards by for all preservation activities in 36 CFR Part 60. The National Register of Historic Places is the other major portion of the NHPA. Congress has been requested by legislators in California to rewrite Section 106 which may cause a huge workload and slow down the process. The NHPA provides for ‘recognized’ tribes to have Tribal Historic Preservation officers with the same responsibilities on tribal lands as federal and state officers have on federal and state lands. It is interesting to note that on ‘usual and accustomed lands’, the tribes only have ‘interested party’ status rather than official authority. In that case, the tribes work through the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Section 106 is an advisory program and not a decision making authority regarding specific projects. For example, the SHPO cannot designate whether a road is built through a specific area, only whether or not you have properly followed due process. It is important to keep in mind that your project does not need to have a direct effect on historical property to be eligible for NHPA. In the case where a project may not directly

disturb a historical site (ie, by digging it up) but may have an indirect effect through vibrations from noise or air pollution, the project is also subject to SHPO review.

2. Committee Strategic Planning and Information of Interest

- Discussion centered on how the IELC might host a conference in 2006. This is a lot of work and we continue to explore if there are upcoming conferences with similar interests that we may 'piggyback' with. Kirk Vinish from the FTA suggested one possible joint conference that may work for us. Stay tuned for more information about this at upcoming meetings.

If you have conference ideas please let us know!

- The FEB will celebrate Women's Equality Day on August 18th at the Edgewater Hotel on Pier 67 in Seattle. Come learn about women's roles in the US Army, past and current; the obstacles, challenges, and opportunities pioneering women have experienced to pave the way for others, and; and how the army has come to recognize and integrate the role of women as soldiers. Please see <http://www.seattle.feb.gov/wed.pdf> for more information. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$25 per person for a buffet luncheon, presentation by our guest speaker, and various door prizes.
Reserve your seat soon—space is limited.

- The FEB will host "The Government Working for You" fair on Saturday, August 20, 2005, at "The Commons" in Federal Way from 10 am to 5 pm. Please see http://www.seattle.feb.gov/govt_working_for_you_05.pdf for more information.
- Ft. Lewis Department of Public Works has been accepted as a member of the EPA Performance Track Program. Congratulations DPW! Performance Track is a voluntary partnership program that recognizes and rewards private and public facilities that demonstrate strong environmental performance beyond current requirements. The program is based on the premise that government should complement existing programs with new tools and strategies that not only protect people and the environment, but also capture opportunities for reducing cost and spurring technological innovation.
- Annual Whitehouse Conference on Cooperative Conservation has invited Navy Region NW to attend. Four of eight submitted Navy partnerships were accepted for inclusion at the Conference. Two presentations by non-federal speakers: will include Navy partnerships: (1) Washington State Olympia Oyster Restoration: More than 100 partners, including private landowners, Tribes, States and Counties, the shellfish industry, community organizations, schools and the U.S. Navy, have joined forces to restore the Olympia oyster, the only native oyster of the Pacific Northwest coast. By leveraging federal funds, 5 million oysters have been spread at 80 sites in a community-based effort to restore an essential component of the marine ecosystem and an icon of Washington State history and, (2) Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative: Research surveys and studies have shown that Puget Sound is facing rapid degradation. Threats to marine species and habitat have deep ramifications in adjacent communities. Since its inception in 1998, the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative has achieved tremendous results for the betterment of Puget Sound. With the

support of Congress, seven citizen-led groups and a coordinating commission have established marine protected areas, conducted inventories seminal to the conservation of key salmon species, restored native oysters and succeeded in removing enormous quantities of fishing debris from the ocean floor. Two of the submitted projects were selected for a federal partner compendium: (1) The Northwest Salmon Restoration Program and (2) the Washington Military Sustainability Partnership. See www.conservation.ceq.gov for more information.

Visit the IELC webpage at: <http://www.seattle.feb.gov/ielcpage.htm>

Please Mark Your Calendars for upcoming meeting dates and times:

WHEN: September 29, 2005 9-11 am
WHERE: Federal Center South, Galaxy Room
HOST: EPA